(v) The Policy envisages a system of penalty by way of submission of bank guarantees and pre-estimated agreed liquidated damages (in some cases/situations) in lieu of un-finished minimum or additional work programme. While proposing the amount of bank guarantee and pre-estimated agreed liquidated damages, situations/factors such as whether extension is for completing MWP or additional Work Programme, whether commerciality has been established in the contract area and whether contractor wants to retain the area for further exploration have been kept in mind.

(vi) Up to 6 months extension may be given by the Steering Committee or the Government on merit in terms of the provisions of the respective contracts.

(vii) Demonstrable delays on account of getting Government approvals/permits/clearances which are not attributable to the contractors will be counted as excusable delays and such delays shall be condoned. In this regard, if some extensions have already been granted by Steering Committee/Government on account of excuable delays, which took place from effective date of the contract i.e. including delays prior to the extension policy coming in force, the same will be regulated as per this CBM extension policy.

(viii) In case the contractor does not fulfil the work programme within the stipulated period or extended period, as the case may be, he shall be required to pay money for the unfinished work programme, if any, to the Government in terms of respective provisions of the contract.

Government of India has signed contracts for 26 CBM blocks (including award of 3 contracts on nomination basis) under three CBM bidding rounds held so far covering an area of 13000 Sq. Km. The estimated investment during exploration in Eleventh Plan period will be about Rs. 1000 crore and production of CBM is expected to be 2.6 BCM during Eleventh Five Year Plan Period.

Exploration activity of ONGC

2426. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drilling projects that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) have undertaken in different States/Union Territories during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08, State and UT-wise;

(b) in how many cases, the results have been positive;

(c) the quantity of Gas and Oil that is being explored at present on yearly basis, States/ Union Territories-wise; and

(d) the target of exploration during the year 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Exploratory drilling undertaken by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 is as per the Statement (*see* below).

(b) Out of total 87 wells (drilled during 2006-07) and 98 wells (drilled during 2007-08), 31 and 43 wells respectively were proved to be hydrocarbon bearing.

(c) State/Union Territory-wise production of oil and gas by ONGC for the year 2006-07 is as per annex.

(d) Target for exploration for ONGC for the year 2008-09 includes acquisition of 11297 Ground Line Kilometres/Line Kilometres of 2 D seismic and 17549 square Kilometres of 3 D seismic data and drilling of 138 exploratory wells.

Statement

Exploratory drilling undertaken by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) during the years 2006-07 *and* 2007-08

State	Exploratory wells drilled (2006-07)	Exploratory wells drilled (2007-08)
Andhra Pradesh	12	9
Assam	6	10
Gujarat	32	36
Rajasthan	1	2
Tamil Nadu	12	7
Tripura	1	7
Uttar Pradesh	1	Nil
Eastern Offshore	12	10
Western Offshore	10	17
TOTAL:	87	98

State/UT-wise production of oil and gas by ONGC for the year 2006-07

State	Crude oil production (in MMT)	Natural Gas Production (in MMSCM)
Gujarat	6.124	2185.05
Assam	1.331	498.5
Andhra Pradesh	0.251	1525.07
Tamil Nadu	0.354	1130.17
Rajasthan	Nil	17.17
Tripura	Nil	519.78
Offshore	17.993	16566.57
TOTAL:	26.053	22442.32

MMT—Million Metric Tonne

MMSCM—Million Standard Cubic Meter

Delay in Indo-Iran gas pipeline project

2427. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to delay in implementation of Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline project, Iran have stated that it will divert the project in case there is any further delay;